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COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS.

NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Lake View.

Rapid progress is being made on the new hotel now under construction and although it will not be completed by the termination of the time at first calculated upon, it will soon be prepared to accommodate a few guests. All are awaiting with eager anticipation to see the good results that are sure to come from the new enterprise.

Although the first few days of the tobacco season caused a large number of long faces to appear on farmers and warehousemen, due to the low prices offered for the leaf, the prices have picked up considerably, and the future looks more encouraging. The market is advancing with the incoming of the better tobacco and very few now seem dissatisfied with the prices they are receiving from their leaf.

Mr. Joe Farmer, who is a tobacco buyer on the Lake View market for Spring Hope Tobacco Company spent the week end with his family at Rocky Mount, N. C.

Messrs. Bullington and Fuller of Danville, Va., who are associated with the Liberty Warehouse for the season motored over to Dillon Sunday afternoon a few hours.

Mr. W. A. Mills, tobacco buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Co., spent the week end in Roxboro, N. C. with his family.

Fork.

Miss Emma Carmichael is visiting friends in Mayesville, S. C.

Miss Jane and Roderick Carmichael of Washington are spending a few days with their grand mother, Mrs. Annie Carmichael.

Mrs. J. O. Rogers spent several days last week in Richmond and Washington on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. Dannis of Florence is visiting Mrs. D. N. Jones.

Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Carmichael and children of Rowland, N. C. spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. Russell Smoaks and Miss Lottie Smoaks of near Spartanburg are visiting here.

Miss Bessie Huggins of Hemingway is the guest of her sister, Mrs. N. B. Calhoun.

Carolina.

Mrs. Rufus Stanton of Clio is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Smith.

Mrs. Mary McInnis and daughters, Misses Emma Kate and Mary, with Misses Marion and Beulah Easterling returned last week from a visit to Mrs. Geo. White of Smithfield, N. C., and Mrs. W. J. Stone of Raeford.

Miss Maggie McKinnon of Raemon visited relatives here last week. Mr. Knox Alford spent a few days last week in Black Mountain, N. C., where he visited his sister, Miss Emily who is in a sanatorium there, and his brother Zion.

Rev. H. M. Dixon of Rew Springs, N. C., a former pastor of this church, has been conducting a meeting here for the past week. Large crowds attended each service and much interest was shown in the meeting.

Miss Catherine Burns of Maxton is the guest of her friend, Miss Ethelene Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Robertson of Rowland spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. D. B. McInnis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peters of Savannah, Ga., are visiting at the home of her father, Mr. H. A. Henderson.

Miss Margaret McLaurin spent a few days last week with Mrs. D. L. McInnis.

Misses Mary Kate and Marguerite Easterling of Dillon are visiting relatives here.

Mr. H. McRae left Saturday for a trip to the mountains of North Carolina.

Sellers.

Messrs. Ernest and J. K. Page, Jr., went to Philadelphia recently and helped to drive back a fleet of Fords for Byars Garage. Messrs. J. L. McInnis and D. M. Watson bought two of the Ford sedans and Mr. W. D. Sellers one of the touring cars.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McInnis have the sympathy of the community in the death of their infant daughter.

Mr. H. W. Ritch and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson Sunday.

Mr. Stevens of Florida was with her father, Rev. W. C. Foster at Antioch Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. W. Wiggins and Mrs. Ellen Bass are visiting relatives in Sellers.

Miss Nelle Sellers is visiting relatives in Kingstree.

KIDNAPPING IS CHARGED.

Governor Bickett Wants Three South Carolinians.

Columbia, Aug. 2.—Governor Cooper has under consideration extradition warrants from Governor Bickett, of North Carolina, for the return to North Carolina of W. D. Mayfield, Jim Breeding and Henry B. Sandifer, prominent farmers of Denmark, this State, charged with kidnapping.

The men went into Anson county, North Carolina, and brought back to this State two negro farm hands, who had left Mr. Mayfield's farm at Denmark several weeks ago. An attempt to get the laborers from North Carolina by extradition proceedings, charging them with having left this state with property under lien, was rejected by Governor Bickett last week.

FORD SAILS THROUGH AIR.

Lumberton Men Turn Curve too Rapidly and Car Turns Over and Rights Itself.

At a curve in the road near the Robeson-Cumberland line near Parkton this morning a Ford touring car turned completely over and then settled back on one side. One man was thrown out into a deep ditch but the driver was held in place and had to stick to the car until it ceased its mad flight. Neither man was very much hurt.

The usual thing—reckless driving around a curve at high speed—locked steering gear—and over she went, and two men who should have known better than to monkey with a Ford that way were mercifully spared sudden death and given opportunity to meditate upon the folly of driving a car so recklessly.

Messrs. W. F. George and T. W. Pultz of Fayetteville witnessed the accident as they were on their way to Lumberton. They were approaching the other car and saw its sudden flight through the air. They fully expected to find two dead men, but neither man was seriously hurt, apparently. The names of the men in the wrecked car were not learned.

"I've told you about driving around that curve so fast and I reckon this will be a warning to you," was all the sympathy the two disconsolate ones who were rubbing their bruises and contemplating their wrecked car got from a man who lives at the curve and knew what was coming to somebody, soon or late, from disregarding the laws of gravity at that particular point.

LOVE AND CASTLE LEAD TO TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Greek Follows Sweetheart to America and Kills Her and Brother then Himself.

Lumberton Robesonian.

A love true story that reads like fiction is entwined in the history of the three Greeks who were killed in a down-town boarding house in Washington a week ago, according to Jas. Pappas of Lumberton, who knew them all before they left their native home to come to America.

Jean and Kathryn Odicus, brother and sister, and Theo Kukos, the three Greeks killed, lived in Constantinople at the outbreak of the Balkan war. The Odicus family was one of the oldest and most prominent in Thrace. There were three children in the home—two boys and one girl. Theo Kukos was employed as a servant lad. When the war broke out the Turks destroyed all the property of the Odicus family. It was then through fear that the only daughter in the home would be captured by the Turks that an effort was made to get her away to America. She and her two brothers had started and just as they were ready to sail the world war broke out. Dan the elder brother, managed to come to America at that time, while Jean and Kathryn spent four years in France. In 1918 they came to America.

It was while serving the Odicus family that Kukos fell desperately in love with Kathryn—the sister's daughter. Social lines barred Kukos from marrying the idol of his heart in the native land. Learning that Kathryn had come to America, the land far-famed for its Democracy, Kukos followed. He dreamed that in this good land the social barriers would be razed and that he would be free to pay court to her who in the land of his nativity was far his superior in caste.

Arduously he sought the land and heart of the fair Thracian girl, only to be rebuffed. Jean and Dan were opposed to Kukos paying his attention to their only sister. Jean, accompanied by Kathryn, left Kukos in Washington and escaped him for a year. It had been a year since Kukos had seen the idol of his heart. At last he succeeded in trailing Jean and Kathryn to Wilmington, thence to Greenville, N. C., to Norfolk and on Saturday, July 24, he located them in their apartment in Washington. After a few words, it is said that Kukos agreed to leave and return the next day to further argue the matter. Sunday afternoon he presented himself again. Just what happened will probably never be known. Kukos was found in the room dead, his head having been mutilated by blows with a hatchet. Kathryn lay cold in death with a bullet through her heart and Jean was unconscious, two leaden bullets having pierced his head. He died without regaining consciousness.

It is thought that Jean attacked Kukos with a hatchet, inflicting fatal wounds, and that after he was mortally wounded Kukos fired the shots that ended the lives of 2 others—one of them that of the woman whose hand and heart he had tried in vain for a year to win. This sad tragedy ended a love story that began in Constantinople several years ago.

George Anthony of Lumberton is second cousin to Jean and Kathryn and says he knew the three who were killed well in the native land and since they came to America, having met them in New York when they landed.

Services at Methodist Church.

Main street Methodist church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. W. H. Muller, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "Jesus and Our Storm Periods." Evening subject: "A Great Sinner and a Great Savior." Prayer service on Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. Choir practice. Public cordially invited to all services.

CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST SIX WHITE MEN OF MARION CO.

Sheriff Rowell Thinks He Holds Key to Baffling Case.

Marion, July 30.—The arrest yesterday by Sheriff John V. Rowell of Tom Turner, Archie Turner, Mack Turner, Henry Turner, Kinard Cannon, and the father of Kinard Cannon charged with the murder of Edwin White, marks another development in Marion county's most mysterious and baffling murder. Sheriff Rowell has worked long and diligently to unravel this mystery and has left nothing undone which might bring the guilty parties to justice. Every clue has been investigated by Sheriff Rowell, who has been assisted for a few days by J. W. Ashburn, of Columbia. All the evidence against the above parties is circumstantial. The men arrested are white, and were neighbors of Edwin White.

It will be recalled that early this spring Edwin White of the Centenary section of Marion county, disappeared after leaving his home to go to the family burial ground about a mile from his home, where he was to help his brother erect a tombstone. When he did not return within a reasonable time, a search was instituted throughout the lower end of the county; but this was unsuccessful. It was not known whether Mr. White was alive or dead, but two negroes were arrested on suspicion, as letters which Mr. White had received pointed to them. Just nine weeks after Mr. White disappeared, his body was found in Little Pee Dee river by M. W. Davis of Marion, while on a fishing trip. On investigation it was found that several old plow irons were attached to the body with wires and that the body had one bullet wound.

HERE ARE PEN PICTURES OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

Harding.

HEIGHT—An inch over six feet.

WEIGHT—One hundred and ninety pounds.

CARRIAGE—Erect, with shoulders well squared, giving an impression of being even bigger than he is.

FEATURES—Face, an almost perfect ellipse, save for a double chin; complexion, very ruddy; eyes dark and shaded by heavy black brows, with heavy, rather disfiguring pouches beneath them. Hair worn at the right, very gray but still thick. Nose, long and aquiline, broad at the nostrils. Mouth broad, with lips inclined to purse.

MANNER—Suave and friendly, good hand-clasp, which he is inclined to prolong in what has been called the "political manner." Specializes rather in remembering personal features and is fond of such flatteries as "That's a true Crawford nose you've inherited." In professional conversation talks frequently "of the record," or with the proviso "Now let's be just party (or newspaper) men together."

DRESS—Somewhat fastidious. In the Senate he wears business suits; eschewing the frock coat and soft hat of tradition, is really at home in evening clothes, and makes up for it on the golf course by wearing true knockabouts.

SPEECH—Deep and pleasing voice. On the platform is decidedly popular, with a decided habit of carefully turned phrase and period. On the Chautauque circuit has a rating comparable with those of W. J. Bryan and A. J. Beveridge.

Coz.

HEIGHT—Five feet, eight inches.

WEIGHT—One hundred and sixty pounds.

CARRIAGE—Head well shaped; face ordinarily somewhat stern, but relaxes often; complexion clear, somewhat tanned from golf; eyes bluish gray, with tiny wrinkles appearing at the corners whenever he smiles; forehead moderately high and very slightly receding; hair dark sandy and touched with gray at the temples.

MANNER—Serious but genial and friendly; grasps hand firmly and has habit of holding handclasp when meeting new acquaintance and sizing up strangers with his eyes; has keen appreciation of a funny story and has mental library of yarns applicable to almost any situation; smokes a pipe. His physician, Dr. Chas. W. King, says: "He is well nourished. Nutritive functions normal. Is not nervous. Perspective faculties quick and keen. Reasoning faculties logical. Imperturbable and not disturbed by things that upset ordinary men."

DRESS—Usually wears grey suits, tan low shoes, dark hose and two-inch turn down collars; wears nose glasses, no jewelry.

SPEECH—Talks directly and some times turns on questionnaires with disconcerting questions of his own; when pressing a point his eyes snap with determination.

FIRE AT OIL MILL.

Thirty-two bales of lintners were destroyed by a fire of unknown origin at the Oil Mill about 9 o'clock Monday night. The attention of the watchman was attracted by great volumes of smoke coming from the storage house and the fire hose was promptly turned on the cotton. The fire originated in the bales under the bottom and spontaneous combustion is the only theory that can be advanced. The fire was quickly subdued but it was several hours before the flames were extinguished.

J. S. Frank Thompson is visiting relatives in Honea Path, S. C.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF DEPUTY KITCHIN IN JAIL.

John Henry Bethea Surrendered and Was Brought to Lumberton to Jail—He Had Been Sleeping in the Woods.

Lumberton Robesonian.

John Henry Bethea, colored, charged with killing Deputy Sheriff, J. A. Kitchin, on the night of July 2, last, is in jail here, having given himself up last Saturday night. Bethea surrendered himself to a Mr. Meadows, a bank cashier at Little Rock, S. C., the home of Bethea.

Bethea was carried by Mr. Meadows to Columbia and placed in jail there. Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt went to Columbia Monday and brought Bethea here Monday night, making the trip in an auto. Bethea is mute on the subject of the killing. He says, however, that he slept in the woods every night from the night Deputy Kitchin was killed until he surrendered and was tired of that sort of life. He told the officers he had rather be dead than to live the life of a fugitive. The next term of Robeson criminal court will convene in November.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Deputy Kitchin died as a result of being shot when he stepped out of his auto beside a car standing in the public road in Alfordville township on the night of July 2. Rural Policeman W. W. Smith, with Deputy Kitchin and Dave Bethea, brother of John Henry, was killed in the exchange of shots between the officers and the negroes. John Henry escaped into the woods. A bullet struck the middle finger on John Henry's right hand. The automobile driven by the negroes was loaded with whiskey and sugar and had been stopped on account of a puncture.

Womanless Wedding.

On Friday evening, July 23rd the High School auditorium was the scene of unusual beauty and splendor the occasion the marriage of "Miss Biferina Davis (otherwise known as 'Biff Bethea)' and John Crawford Bethea, Jr., who on account of their prominence and the bride's beauty made quite a stir in high circles. The stage was beautifully decorated in the bride's favorite flowers, sunflowers and hydrangeas and yellow candles were also placed not only for beauty but for emergency.

Eight-thirty was the appointed hour for the event, but the ceremony was delayed for a half hour on account of the bride's "mother" going fishing in the afternoon and her black silk gown with its numerous hooks and eyes was difficult to adjust. "Miss" Jack Watson, in lovely evening gown and picture hat sang "I Love You."

Just after the numerous relatives on both sides had been escorted in by the ushers. Those of the bride were Mother Dr. J. H. Hamer, Maiden Aunt, Will Wheeler; Small Nephew, Thad Hamer; Bachelor Uncle, J. B. Gibson; Little Sister, Dr. Michaux, Little Brother, Will Thompson; relatives of the groom were: Father, David Allen, Mother, Jewell McLaurin, Little Sister, Stead Stackhouse, Twin Brothers, Sam Williams and Capers Braddy, Nurse, Tom Davids. To the strains of the wedding march played by "Miss" Schubert McCutcheon the bridal party entered in the following order: Leslie Lane and "Miss Earle Bethea, Ed Elliott, Jr., and "Miss" Frank David, Sam McLaurin, and "Miss" John C. Bethea, V. L. McLean and "Miss" Beulah Edwards, Palmer Bethea and "Miss" Frank Thompson, Osborne Bethea and "Miss" Jesse Evans, Clarence Moody with "Miss" Montague, Jack Henegan with "Miss" Halford.

Dames of honor, John Hargrove and John Diebler. Flower girls, "Misses" Dexter Evans and David Byers. All these were handsomely attired and the dainty ring bearer "Miss" (Dr.) Darwin, was sweetly dressed in white organdie and ribbons. The maids carried bouquets of sunflowers.

Dr. Joe Cabell Davis in ministerial robes then took his place to perform the ceremony! The "bride," who entered with "her" father, Mr. James Hargrove, made an impression on the audience with her blushing beauty and portly carriage just after the maid of honor "Miss" Pierre Rogers.

Dr. Davis, as a minister, was at his best, and prolonged the ceremony while the couple promised innumerable things to make each other happy. The wedding was given under the auspices of the Rebecca Pickens Chapter, D. A. R. and something over a hundred dollars was cleared.

The members of the chapter showed their appreciation of the help given by the young men and their wives and friends who assisted and gave a delightful picnic at Surles Landing on the Friday following. About one hundred guests enjoyed the afternoon and the delightful picnic lunch served by the chapter members.

"BUB" McMILLAN SOLD.

Latta Infielder Who Played in South Atlantic League Goes to New York.

The Greenville team of the South Atlantic League has sold "Bub" McMILLAN to New York. The deal was closed last week, but the amount of the purchase was not given. "Bub" has been with the Greenville team two years where he has made a fine record. He was with Latta during the days of the old Pee Dee League, and during the war had charge of a fast team in the navy. Home folks who know "Bub" are confident that he will make good in the Big League.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN OPENS AUG. 20TH.

Committee Met Monday, Arranged Campaign Schedule and Fixed Assessments.

The County Democratic Executive Committee met at the court house Monday with the following committee men present: R. J. Dew, Latta; W. B. Allen, Centerville; L. G. Miller, Lake View; L. M. Rogers, Fork; T. E. Fore, Oak Grove; Murray Hayes, Floydale; D. B. McInnis, Judson; J. W. Hamer, Little Rock; F. B. Booth, Maple Mill; A. B. Jordan, Dillon; Jas. McLellan, Pleasant Hill; R. S. Rogers, Gaddys Mill.

The candidates for the various offices were assessed as follows: House of Representatives, \$200; Clerk of Court, \$200; Sheriff, \$200; Supt. of Education, \$50; Coroner, \$10. These amounts were assessed against each office. If there is only one candidate for an office the candidate pays the full amount of the assessment; if there are two or more the total amount is divided between them equally.

The opening date of the campaign will be Friday, August 20th, and the itinerary has been arranged as follows: Little Rock, Friday, August 20th; Oak Grove, Saturday, August 21st; Minton, Monday, August 23rd; Fork, Tuesday, August 24th; Lake View, Wednesday, August 25th; Floydale, Thursday, August 26th; Latta, Friday, August 27th; Dillon, Saturday, 28th.

The rules provide that the entries must close at 12 o'clock noon the day before the campaign opens, and the entries will close on Thursday, August 19th promptly at 12 o'clock.

The following managers of election were appointed:

Latta—Ernest Parham, Henry Bethea, A. L. Smith.

Centerville—H. N. Cousar, D. S. Rogers, J. F. Williams.

Lake View—John Huggins, A. Q. Page, Charlie Hayes.

Fork—G. D. Carmichael, C. S. Rogers, Z. Edwards.

Oak Grove—T. L. Fore, S. J. Berry, Vernon Hayes.

Floydale—L. B. Alford, M. J. Rogers, J. R. McLaurin.

Judson—J. L. Cottingham, J. C. Bennett, J. McQueen.

Little Rock—D. W. Bethea, L. A. Manning, M. S. Britt.

Maple Mill—W. M. Butler, Thomas McPhatter, Edward Todd.

Dillon—T. S. Richbourg, W. J. Adams, B. A. Harrelson.

Pleasant Hill—J. G. Regan, E. V. Moody, D. D. McDonald.

Gaddys Mill—Willie Grantham, W. A. Lupo, F. D. McDonald.

Mt. Calvary—E. P. Wiggins, T. J. Walker, J. H. Moody.

Bermuda—L. L. Stephens, C. M. Moody, B. C. Moody.

Hamer—D. McDuffie, Watson McDaniel, W. S. Campbell.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held Thursday, August 19th, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of revising the club rolls.

The Australian ballot law goes into effect this year and applies to every precinct with 50 or more enrolled voters. There are only three precincts in the county with an enrollment of less than 50—Pleasant Hill, Mt. Calvary and Bermuda. Voting booths will be erected at the other precincts where the election will be carried out according to the new law. Each county executive committee was authorized to have built a sufficient number of booths for his precinct.

Following is the text of the Australian ballot law:

Section 1. In every primary election in this State there shall be provided at each polling precinct one booth for every 100 enrolled voters, or majority fraction thereof. The booths shall be made of wood, cheap metal, or any other suitable substance, shall not be less than 32 inches wide and 32 inches deep, and 6 feet 6 inches high, shall be provided with a curtain hanging from the top in front to within 3 feet of the floor, and shall have a suitable shelf on which the voter can prepare his ticket. Provided, The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any precinct where there are less than fifty (50) voters enrolled on the club roll at such precinct.

Section 2. The polling places shall be provided with a table for the managers. The polls shall be provided with a guard rail, so that no one except as hereinafter provided shall approach nearer than 5 feet to the booth in which the voters are preparing their ballots.

Section 3. The tickets shall be printed on clear white paper in the usual manner, but shall have a coupon at the top perforated so as to be easily detached. On the coupon shall be printed "Official Ballot." "Club." "Ward." "No." "The numbers shall run serially for each club. There shall be 50 per cent. more ballots than there are voters enrolled at each voting place.

Section 4. The managers shall be responsible for all ballots furnished. When a voter presents himself he shall be given a ballot. The manager in charge of the poll lists shall enter the number of the ballot next the name of the voter. The voter shall forthwith retire alone to one of the booths, and without undue delay prepare his ballot by scratching out the name of the candidate for whom he does not care to vote. No voter shall remain in the booth longer than 5 minutes. After preparing his ballot, the voter shall present himself to the manager. His ballot must be folded in such a way that the number can be seen and the coupon can be readily detached by the manager without in any way revealing the printed portion of the ballot. If the voter is not challenged and takes the prescribed

oath, the manager shall tear off the coupon, put it on file, stamp the ballot, and the voter shall deposit his ticket in the box, and shall immediately leave the polling place. If a voter shall mar or deface his ballot, he may obtain one additional ballot upon returning to the manager in charge of the ballots the ballot so marred or defaced with the coupon attached. The manager in charge of the poll list shall change the number of the ballot on his poll list, and place the defaced ballot on file. No voter shall be given a second ballot until he has returned the first one with coupon attached.

Section 5. No person shall be allowed within the guard rail except as hereinafter provided. If a voter cannot read or write, or is physically disabled, and by reason thereof did not sign the enrollment book, he may appeal to the managers for assistance, and the chairman of the managers shall appoint one of the managers, and a bystander to be designated by the voter, to assist him in preparing his ballot; Provided, After the voter's ballot has been prepared, the bystander so appointed shall immediately go behind the guard rail.

Section 6. From the time of the opening of the polls until the announcement of the result and the signing of the official returns, no person shall be admitted to the polling place except the managers, duly authorized watchers and challengers, the chairman of the executive committee or member of the executive committee appointed in his stead to supervise the polling place, persons duly admitted for the purpose of voting, police officers admitted by the managers to preserve order or enforce the law. Provided, however, That candidates for public office voted for at such polling place may be present at the canvass of the voters. Provided, Canvass of the votes shall be open to the public.

Section 7. If the watchers or officers of the law who are admitted to the polling place by the managers shall interfere with the managers or obstruct the voting, it shall be the duty of the managers to suspend the election until order is restored, or as may be provided by the rules of the party. No persons shall be allowed to approach polling places within 25 feet while polls are open, other than the persons herein provided for.

Section 8. Upon the close of the election, managers shall account to the executive committee for all ballots delivered to them, and make the following return: (a) The number of official ballots furnished to each polling precinct. (b) The number of official ballots spoiled and returned by voters. (c) The number of official ballots actually voted.

Section 9. That all Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, except an Act to regulate the holding of all primary elections and the organization of clubs in cities containing 40,000 inhabitants or more, which said Act shall remain in full force and effect.

THIS "SHOWS UP" AGAIN ONE COLE BLEASE.

Bleas to Cox; Cox to Bleas (Charleston American.)

The following telegram from former Governor Bleas to Governor Cox, may be of some interest to some people in South Carolina:

Columbia, S. C., July 6, 1920. His Excellency, James M. Cox, Columbus, Ohio.

I rejoice at your victory over Wilson and his personal and political family, and those whom they controlled. The South Carolina delegation were too narrow minded to see further than Woody's prince, but they did not represent the voters of our state. However, if you win they will be clamoring for the pie from your counter and when asked which piece they wish will answer, "Anything, oh, Lord! that thou can spare, but remember us."

(Signed) COLE L. BLEASE. Governor Cox answered as follows:

Dayton, Ohio, July 10, 1920. Hon. Cole L. Bleas, Columbia, S. C., My dear Governor:

Many thanks for your message of greeting. I appreciate it and can assure you that I am in this fight to win, and with the aid of all good democrats I feel victory is assured. Very truly yours, (Signed) JAMES M. COX.

DECLARES HIGHEST PRICES HAVE BEEN REACHED.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—The high cost of living peak has been reached and prices will decline slowly according to members of the Manufacturers and Importers' Association amending the 17th annual merchandise exhibition of that organization here. Excess profits tax and high railroad rates were among the things blamed for keeping the cost of living up. Albert Levy, president of the association said a slowing up of foreign demand would tend to reduce domestic prices. "Some manufacturers and merchants are making a 5 to 20 per cent recession in prices, but they will go no further," he said. "The people will have to bear the burden of the recent billion dollar award to the railroad, and surtaxes add to the high cost of living. Frenzied spending is 'slowing up, however, and while we are at sea as to what is ahead of us we feel the peak has been reached and may look for gradual decline some time soon."

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